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#### DUCK STAMP SALES FOR LAST SEASON SHOW SMALL DECLINE

Nearly two million Federal "duck stamps" — the first of the \$2 series — were sold to sportsmen, conservationists, and philatelists last year, Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman said today.

From July 1, 1949, to June 30, 1950, the sale of the Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Stamp was 1,954,734, according to figures supplied to the Fish and Wildlife Service by the post office department which sells the stamps. This compares with the sale of 2,127,598 duck stamps during the 1948-49 season, and 1,722,677 during 1947-48.

The largest sale in any state this last fiscal year was 168,950 in California. Minnesota was second with 143,496 stamps sold, and Texas was in third place with a sale of 130,732.

Other states in the first ten line-up were Illinois, 106,767; Wisconsin, 103,826; Michigan, 98,285; Washington, 81,404; Louisiana, 71,923; Nebraska, 64,993; and Missouri, 62,901.

Every hunter of migratory birds who is 16 years of age or older must have on his person a duck stamp of current issue with his signature in ink across its face. Many duck stamps are also purchased yearly by stamp collectors. Last season the post office department's philatelic agency sold 7,715 stamps. The revenue from the sale of duck stamps helps finance the Federal government's administration of the national wildlife refuge and law enforcement programs.

Sales of duck stamps for last season at post offices in the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico follow in alphabetical order.

Alabama, 10,993; Alaska, 3,349; Arizona, 7,443; Arkansas, 54,214; California, 168,950; Colorado, 31,584; Connecticut, 5,534; Delaware, 4,709; District of Columbia, 1,492.

Florida, 20,412; Georgia, 4,289; Hawaii, 30; Idaho, 40,159; Illinois, 106,767; Indiana, 31,183; Iowa, 56,477; Kansas, 61,563; and Kentucky, 7,977.

Louisiana, 71,923; Maine, 10,187; Maryland, 17,031; Massachusetts, 17,408; Michigan, 98,285; Minnesota, 143,496; Mississippi, 17,825; Missouri, 62,901; Montana, 31,725.

Nebraska, 64,993; Nevada, 9,553; New Hampshire, 3,014; New Jersey, 15,847; New Mexico, 8,803; New York, 50,727; North Carolina, 17,359; North Dakota, 50,533; Ohio, 33,249.

Oklahoma, 49,417; Oregon, 59,853; Pennsylvania, 31,920; Puerto Rico, 164; Rhode Island, 2,092; South Carolina, 9,628; South Dakota, 47,208; Tennessee, 25,577; Texas, 130,732; Utah, 34,527.

Vermont, 3,360; Virginia, 13,643; Washington, 81,404; West Virginia, 2,662; Wisconsin, 103,826; Wyoming, 9,022; Philatelic Agency, 7,715.

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